

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 460

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of the McNairy County Forestry Association upon its being named the County Forestry Association of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding citizens of our state who have committed themselves to sustaining the renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, such dedicated conservationists comprise the membership of the McNairy County Forestry Association, which was recently named the County Forestry Association of the Year for the second time; and

WHEREAS, McNairy County was the first County Forestry Association formed when it was organized in 1998 to educate forest landowners about sound forestry practices and to promote forestry in the county; today, the McNairy County Forestry Association has the largest membership of the forty-six county forestry associations in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, speakers at their meetings have included Representative Randy Rinks and Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens; and

WHEREAS, each year, programs on forest management, wildlife management, and best management practices are presented to the membership; also each year, a field day is held to demonstrate the best forestry practices, including wildlife management and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the forests of McNairy County have been vital to the growth and continuing prosperity of McNairy County; the members of the McNairy County Forestry Association have a great desire to protect and manage this great resource to provide jobs, recreation, and products for McNairy County and to serve as an example of good forest stewards; and

WHEREAS, successfully balancing their great concern for economic needs and environmental stewardship, the members of the McNairy County Forestry Association are the fitting recipients of the County Forestry Association of the Year award, and it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the members of the McNairy County Forestry Association upon being named the County Forestry Association of the Year and thank them for their dedicated and thorough understanding of our State's precious renewable resources -- our forestland and wildlife habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.